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§14–107.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (2) “Falsify” includes alter, counterfeit, duplicate, or forge.
  - (3) “Identification number” includes any vehicle identification number, serial number, transmission number, federal vehicle certification label, engine number, or other distinguishing number or mark placed on a vehicle or engine:
    - (i) By its manufacturer;
    - (ii) By authority of the Administration; or
    - (iii) In accordance with the laws of the federal government or another state or country.
  - (4) “Remove” includes deface, cover, or destroy.
- (b) A person may not willfully remove any identification number of a vehicle.
- (c) A person may not willfully falsify any identification number of a vehicle.
- (d) A person may not willfully remove any identification number of an engine for a vehicle.
- (e) A person may not willfully falsify any identification number of an engine for a vehicle.
- (f) Except as provided in subsection (m) of this section, a person may not buy, receive, possess, sell, or dispose of a vehicle, knowing that an identification number of the vehicle has been removed.
- (g) A person may not buy, receive, possess, sell, or dispose of a vehicle, knowing that an identification number of the vehicle has been falsified.
- (h) Except as provided in subsection (m) of this section, a person may not buy, receive, possess, sell, or dispose of an engine for a vehicle, knowing that an identification number of the engine has been removed.

(i) A person may not buy, receive, possess, sell, or dispose of an engine for a vehicle, knowing that an identification number of the engine has been falsified.

(j) A person may not, with intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of a vehicle or its owner, remove a registration card or registration plate from the vehicle.

(k) A person may not, with intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of a vehicle or the owner of the vehicle, attach to the vehicle a registration plate not authorized by law for use on it.

(l) An identification number may be:

(1) Placed on a vehicle or engine by its manufacturer in the regular course of business; or

(2) Placed or restored on a vehicle or engine by authority of the Administration.

(m) (1) An insurance company or its insurance producer may buy, receive, and possess a motor vehicle knowing that the identification number of the vehicle has been removed, if the vehicle is the subject of a total loss settlement by the insurance company.

(2) An insurance company or its insurance producer may sell or dispose of a motor vehicle knowing that the identification number of the vehicle has been removed, if:

(i) The vehicle is the subject of a total loss settlement by the insurance company;

(ii) The Administration will not issue a distinguishing number under § 13-106.1 of this article;

(iii) The insurance company or its insurance producer determines that the vehicle is not rebuildable; and

(iv) The transfer is to a licensed automotive dismantler and recycler or licensed scrap processor.

(3) An insurance company or its insurance producer may sell or dispose of a motor vehicle knowing that the identification number of the vehicle has been removed, if:

(i) The vehicle is the subject of a total loss settlement by the insurance company;

(ii) The Administration will not issue a distinguishing number under § 13–106.1 of this article;

(iii) The insurance company or its insurance producer determines that the vehicle is rebuildable;

(iv) The transfer is to a licensed dealer, licensed automotive dismantler and recycler, or licensed scrap processor; and

(v) The transferee is advised that the vehicle may not be offered for resale to any other person until after the vehicle has been assigned a distinguishing number under § 13–106.1 of this article.

(n) A person convicted of a violation of this section is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 2 months or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

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